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SUBJECT: SANCHEZ COMMITTEE

1. THE SANCHEZ MULTIPARTY COMMISSION APPROVED ON AUGUST 2 A KEY ARTICLE OF THE INTERNAL RULES OF ORDER OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. THE ARTICLE DELINEATES THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AS BEING NOT ONLY THE DRAFTING OF A CONSTITUTION, BUT ADOPTING OTHER "DECISIONS IN THE NATIONAL INTERESTS" AS WELL. THE ARTICLE WAS PASSED BY A VOTE OF 11 TO 7 WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE PPC, APRA, AND THE UNO OVER THE OPPOSITION OF THE EXTREME LEFT.

2. THE APPROVED TEXT OF THE ARTICLE FOLLOWS (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION):

"ART 3. THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, AS THE EXPRESSION OF POPULAR WILL, IS FREE, AUTONOMOUS, AND SOVEREIGN. ITS ENDS ARE: FUNDAMENTALLY TO APPROVE A NEW POLITICAL CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE, TO PRESCRIBE NORMS WHICH COMPLEMENT IT, AND TO ADOPT THE DECISIONS IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST WHICH IT JUDGES NECESSARY."

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3. THE LEFT PRESENTED AN ALTERNATE DRAFT FOR ARTICLE 3 WHICH WAS DEFEATED. ITS TEXT FOLLOWS (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION):

" THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY HAS AS ITS ENDS THE ELABORATION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS DESIGNED TO IN FACT SOLVE THE ECONOMIC-SOCIAL PROBLEMS THAT PRESENTLY CONFRONT THE POPULAR MAJORITY AND TO ACHIEVE THE PREFERENTIAL MODIFICATION OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURES."

4. SANCHEZ NOTED THAT 28 OF THE 35 PROPOSED REGULATORY ARTICLE HAVE BEEN ADOPTED AND HOPED THAT THE REMAINDER WILL BE COMPLETED THIS WEEK SO THAT REGULAR ASSEMBLY SESSIONS CAN START AUGUST 7.

5. COMMENT: APRA AND THE PPC HAVE AGAIN COLLABORATED IN THE SOLUTION OF AN IMPORTANT QUESTION. HOWEVER, IT IS PREMATURE TO INTERPRET THIS AS EVIDENCE OF A DE FACTO ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE TWO MAJOR BLOCS, NOR, AS A PRS REPRESENTATIVE ASSERTED, THE RIGHTIST DIRECTION OF THE ASSEMBLY. DIVISIVE ISSUES STILL EXIST, SUCH AS APRA'S DEFINITION OF THE STATE AND THE ECONOMIC CONGRESS; THESE THE ASSEMBLY WILL BEGIN TO FACE NEXT WEEK. AS TO THE LAST PHRASE OF ARTICLE 3 ITSELF, IT IS INTENDED TO GIVE THE ASSEMBLY THE ABILITY TO GO BEYOND ITS FORMAL CONSTITUTIONAL TASKS, AN ATTRIBUTE DEMANDED IN VARIOUS DEGREES BY THE LEFT, RIGHT AND CENTER. THE EXERCISE OF THIS POWER, OF COURSE, IS CENTRAL TO THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ASSEMBLY AND THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. BUT BY ADOPTING RATHER VAGUE LANGUAGE (AS COMPARED TO THE LEFT'S PROPOSED WORKING), APRA-PPC APPARENTLY ARE TRYING TO AVOID DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH THE GOP AT THIS TIME. DECON 12-1-80. SHLAUDEMAN

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